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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

Originally we had planned to travel to all state level exhibitions as usual. However we could attend only one of the 2 held in December and 2 of 3 held in January. It helped that 1 was held in Delhi itself in January. We have decided to drop out of 2 of the 3 being held in February and the 1 we are attending is being held in the neighborhood – Gurgaon. We wish to utilize the time saved to clear the backlog of all kinds and organize ourselves better to serve you better.

Let us hope we succeed in our mission.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Stamp Popularity Poll

The results are in for the Stamps of India Stamp Poll 2011 and the following have been voted as:
 the best stamp of 2011 - 100 years of Airmail #2230;
 the best miniature sheet of 2011 - Rabindranath Tagore; and
 the best sheetlet of 2011 - Jungle Lore

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 9: India International Centre

Feb 17: Shyama Charan Shukla

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of days! Thus it is impossible to inform our readers thru this weekly publication about forthcoming stamp issues of India. We however do our best to publish this information on the home page of www.stampsofindia.com as soon as it becomes available.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011stamps.htm>

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Jan 19: Ahmedabad, 50 Years of Ahmedabad Philatelic Bureau

ILLUSTRATED LISTS

Special Postmarks 2011 <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011pm.htm>

Army Postal Service Issues <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011aps.htm>

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ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/icards-2011.htm>

New Stamp Booklet

Gujarat Circle of India Post released a stamp booklet on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel during AMPEX 2012 Ahmedabad District Philatelic Exhibition on January 19, 2012. The stamp booklet contains 2 commemorative stamps of Rs 20 issued in 2008 to commemorate Sardar Patel National Police Academy Hyderabad, and is priced at Rs 60.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb07.htm>

Stamp Catalogs Update

Michel

Michel (Germany) is one of the 4 publishers of the world stamp catalogs. The other 3 are Scott (USA), Stanley Gibbons (UK), Yvert & Tellier (France). While Scott and Stanley Gibbons publish general world catalogs every year, Michel and Yvert & Tellier publish most parts of the catalogs once in several years.

Michel covers India in Vol. 8 Part 1 – Overseas: South Asia which was last published in September 2010. The next edition usually would have been in 2014 or 2015. However Michel has announced the next edition to be released in May 2012. The catalog priced at Euros 79 will also list My Stamp issued by India Post on February 12, 2011. Increased frequency in publication of this catalog is yet another proof of a very active and stonger market for stamps of India.

Stanley Gibbons

Stanley Gibbons published a seprate India catlaog for the first time in 2002 in loose leaf format in both monclor and in muticolor versions. The 2nd edition softbound in color was issued in 2004 and

the 3rd in 2009. Stanley Gibbons has no plans to publish the next edition of India catalog in 2012. India will of course be covered in Stamps of the World catalog as well as in British Commonwealth released in November and September every year.

Error, Freaks & Oddities

2009 Once More

Rajesh Varma from Dehradun reports the year 2009 is printed twice in two different colors in different locations on the Saint Anne's Church Goa stamp of the Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH issue of 2009. The year in black is printed horizontally at the bottom right corner and in white it is printed vertically in the middle on the right. This is a design error, visible to naked eye, and appears on the stamps in sheets and the miniature sheet.

For image click on the following link <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009/1997.jpg>

Department of Post or Posts?

Sekhar Chakraborty of Kolkata posted on this matter recently on the Facebook. We then checked all brochures of 2011 and realized that majority (25 out of a total of 43) of the issues carried the inscription Department of Post as well as Department of Posts on the same page.

See the images of the brochures by clicking on the links below:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/brochures/2011brochure2340.jpg>

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/brochures/2011brochure2246.jpg>

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/brochures/2011brochure2277.jpg>

Classic India by Dr Sita Bhateja

David Feldman of Geneva, Switzerland has published Classic India 1669 – 1857 by Dr Sita Bhateja in Great Philatelic Collections series in December 2012. The well produced hardbound work features the collection of Dr Bhateja that was nominated thrice for the Grand Prix the Honneur at FIP World Philatelic Exhibitions.

The work printed in the limited numbered edition of 100 copies is priced at CHF 75 plus postage and is available from David Feldman www.davidfeldman.com

My Stamp Update

Michel is listing My stamp with full catalog status in its forthcoming South Asia catalog in May 2012. The Michel numbers for the set of 29 stamps are 2560- 2588 and stamps are individually priced at Euro 1 each, set for Euros 29 and the set of 17 sheetlets for Euros 170.

However the image used in the catalog is of customized stamps issued at Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir in September 2011 and not the original issue of February 12, 2011. It also mentions the sale price of the Sheetlet as Rs 150 while since its reintroduction in September 2011 the post office is selling it at Rs 300 per Sheetlet.

Aries Spring Auction

The Aries Spring 2012 Auction, Sale No. 3, is being held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Bhai Vir Singh Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110001. The Catalogue is now available both in print and online at www.ariesauctions.com

There are hundreds of classical lots including Mahatma Gandhi 1948 covers and cards, Service stamps etc. There are dozens of classical lots in each category - 1854 issues, British India lots, Private FDCs, Airmails, Postal History and Postal Stationery. The LATE ARRIVALS section has an array of material.

Those unable to attend the auction can register and bid online at www.ariesauctions.com. The online part of the auction closes at 12pm, 23 February 2012.

Stamps of India Online Offers

Stamps of India now bring you useful and unique philatelic items fulfilling a long standing demand of subscribers and friends. These philatelic items can be viewed online and several easy options to make the payment are provided. Visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

Stanley Gibbons India Catalog

Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalog on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalog. We distributed it all over India.

THIS CATALOG IS NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER: BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!!!!

Please add Rs 50 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 200 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. Rush your orders to orders@stampsofindia.com now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis.

For more information please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/DisplayAdTariff.htm>

SCHOOLPEX 2012

SCHOOLPEX 2012 was organized by Dehradun Division of Uttarakhand Circle of India Post at the St Joseph's Academy, Dehradun on January 28-29, 2012. The competitive participation was open to school children of District in different age groups of up to 18 years. There were total 60 frames on display with 43 in competitive class.

Sanjay Singh, Director Postal Services, Uttarakhand Circle inaugurated the SCHOOLPEX 2012 among a large gathering of school children in the grand auditorium of St. Joseph's Academy on January 28th. He also released a special cover on St. Joseph's Academy on the occasion of its platinum jubilee and presented the first copy to Reverend Brother George of St Joseph's Academy. On January 29th special cancellation was issued to mark the 75 years of Corbett National Park.

During the inauguration ceremony, Madhukar Jhingan emphasized on unraveling the unexplored philatelic potential of Dehradun and gave a befitting speech on philatelic development. The school Principal Rev Bro George promised to include philately as a subject in Extra Curricular Activities.

The jury was chaired by Abhishek Singh, SSPO, Dehradun with Madhukar Jhingan and Arun Bhambri as members from the philatelic community. The jury awarded 23 bronze, 10 silver and 7 gold medals. 2 certificate of participation were awarded. One exhibit was transferred to the invitee class. Best exhibit trophy was also awarded in each class. SJA bagged the school trophy for best participation. The prizes were given by the principal of the St. Joseph's Academy.

Virtual Philately class was experimentally introduced for those children who do not have collection with them but can prepare a PowerPoint presentation on topic of their interest based on stamps.

Letter writing competition, Quiz competition, and workshops on philately were organized during the exhibition.

special postmarks publicizing SHOOOLPEX 2012 was used on mail at Dehradun GPO from January 23 to 27, 2012.

Mugs and specially embroidered T-shirts with philatelic theme were made available for sale by India Post. These souvenirs were very much liked by the visitors.

The exhibition was well covered in the local media and large number of school children visited the exhibition.

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Feb 10-13: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

Venue: Wheeler Senate Hall, Patna University, Ashok Rajpath, Patna

Feb 11: New Delhi, 86th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi

Feb 11: Jaysingpur, Jainism and Philately Philatelic Exhibition

Time: 9 am to 6 pm

Organizers: The Great Indian Hobby Academy, Jaysingpur
Venue: Tuljaram Charurchand College, Baramati

Feb 13-16: Calicut, KERAPEX Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition
Organizers: Kerala Circle of India Post
Venue: Jubilee Memorial Hall of Calicut Corporation, Kandamkulam Tali, Calicut 673002

Feb 21-23: Gurgaon, Haryana State philatelic exhibition
Organizers: Haryana Circle of India Post
Venue: Apparel House, Institutional Area, Sector-44, Gurgaon-122003,
Sales Stalls: Rs 5,000

Feb 25: New Delhi, Aries Spring 2012 Auction (Sale No. 3)
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Aries Auctions
Contact: Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com 9810186108

Feb 27-28: Shillong, NEPEX (North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition)
Venue: All Saints Cathedral Hall in Shillong, Meghalaya

Mar 3-4: Kolkata, National Mega Philatelic Exhibition Kolkata 2012
Venue: Olpadvala Memorial Hall, 52 Chowringhee Road, Opposite Rotary Sadan, beside New Embassy Restaurant
Sales Stalls: Single Rs 6000; Prime Location Double Rs 15000 including Lunch & Snacks + 1 water bottle per single stall per day
Mobile Dealers: Rs 2000 Including Lunch & Snacks & Water Bottle for 2 Days
Contact: P C Jaiswal 98315 98560, Arun Bhattacharya 98304 12286, Ravi Sevak 93395 43407

Mar 23-25: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE 2012
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Mar 00: Chandigarh, Punjab State philatelic exhibition
Organizers: Punjab Circle of India Post

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India [www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/info_base/clubmeet.htm)

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eStamps in Delhi

Delhi became the first State in the country to issue e-stamp papers in all denominations after the Cabinet decided to bring non-judicial stamp papers of Rs 500 denomination and below under the ambit of e-stamp mode on February 6, 2012. The complete switchover to e-stamp mode is expected to prevent all fraudulent practices in this field.

The Delhi Government had earlier implemented e-stamping of non-judicial stamp papers of denominations of Rs 501 and above with effect from April 1, 2008, through Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd (SHCIL) to provide this service through its offices and authorised collection centres.

The move will save a huge amount on account of payment of printing charges to the India Security Press, Nasik, and transportation expenditure from Nasik to Delhi and further loading and unloading

charges. Also the commission at the rate of 0.65 per cent to SHCIL for the generation and issuance of e-stamp is comparatively much less as compared to the commission being paid to stamp vendors.

e-stamp papers are tamper-proof and provide a secured electronic payment gateway to the government. Further, the authenticity of the certificate is easily verifiable as all e-stamp papers have a unique identification number.

IEWS & OPINIONS

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Features & Resources

Article of the Month

The January 2012 article of the Article of the Month series - King George V Silver Jubilee Issues of India 1935 – that was originally published in the issue # 507 of Stamps of India Collectors Companion of January 26, 2012 is now published online with images and additional facts at the following link <http://www.stampsofindia.com/readroom/KG>

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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